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FOR CHIEF OF MISSION FRO, ACTING ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS BUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO YOU IN RECENT MONTHS, YOU IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH PERU. AS YOU KNOW, AT HIS MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL SERVING
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UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS YOU RECOMMENDED AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTIONS IN QUESTION, AND THE VARIOUS RESPONSES TO THEM SO FAR ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S. FSL

IAGS 1 (IAGS PROJECT DIRECTOR) -
MAAG 1 (NCO)

AGENCY RESPONSE

IAGS

IAGS CONCURS WITH THE REDUCTION OF 1 POSITION, PROVIDED IT IS A CIVILIAN RATHER THAN A MILITARY SLOT. THIS COULD BE DONE BY THE END OF FY79. IAGS WISHES TO MAINTAIN A U.S. MILITARY POSITION FOR THE PROJECT DIRECTOR BECAUSE IAGS DEALS ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH PERUVIAN MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS AND RANKING PERUVIAN OFFICERS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

MAAG

ISA STATED THAT IT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU RECENTLY CONCURRED WITH THE PROPOSED FY 1979 MAAG MANNING LEVEL FOR PERU, INCLUDING THE POSITION IN QUESTION. THEY HAVE REQUESTED A CLARIFICATION.
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3. IN REVIEWING THESE RESPONSES, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY OVERWHELMING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE POSITIONS IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AGENCY REPLIES. VANCE

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